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SUBJECT: JAMAICA: SENIOR POLICE SUPERINTENDENT SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS
HARD LABOR

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1.(SBU) The most senior Jamaican police official ever convicted of a serious crime has been sentenced to 18 months hard labor. Senior Superintendent Harry "Bungles" Daley was convicted of extortion on December 16; he is scheduled to appear in Spanish Town Resident Magistrate's Court on January 15 to answer five other charges of corruption. As delineated reftel, Daley had been arrested in July, 2008 in a covert "sting" operation conducted by the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF)'s Anti-Corruption Branch, with support from the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) and technical assistance from the Embassy's DHS/ICE Attache; he had been caught on film accepting marked cash from a businessperson. Daley allegedly has close ties to Jamaican criminal leaders ("dons") of the "One Order" and "Clansman" gangs, and is suspected of involvement in drug trafficking. The court has granted Daley an extension of bail pending his attorney's appeal of the conviction.

12. (SBU) Comment: The JCF is widely perceived as suffering from endemic corruption, and recently was described as "irreparable" by a senior British officer working to root out deep-seated corruption in its ranks. Nevertheless, recently-installed Acting Commissioner of Police Owen Ellington was quick to publicly welcome Daley's conviction as a sign of the JCF's drive to reform itself. End Comment.
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